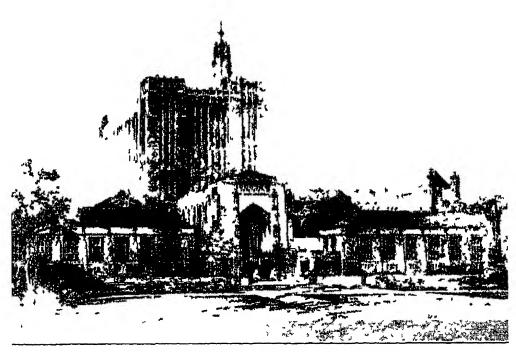
# BOOKSTACKS & STACK ROOM E Q U I P M E N T

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# FOREWORD

ODAY, metal bookstacks are accepted everywhere as the only practical and suitable equipment for the modern library. As the leading firm engaged in

their manufacture, the name of Snead and Company has been identified with metal bookstacks ever since they were first designed

Because of the great wealth of material which we have available in this field, the subject sometimes appears unduly complicated to those inexperienced in library design. For that reason we publish this little book, to serve as a guide to those who are concerned with either the public or private library, and to set certain standards from which more detailed and elaborate plans can be made

It seems unnecessary to suggest that librarians will find themselves in a decidedly advantageous position in discussing their requirements with the library board, architect or bookstack representative, if they are informed of the simple principles of library bookstack planning outlined in this brochure

Library equipment of a truly modern type—that is, fireproof, compact, durable and capable of wide expansion vertically as well as horizontally—came into being about 40 years ago, when the Library of Congress at Washington was built—Snead and Company was the manufacturer of this revolutionary nine-tier metal bookstack, and has been closely allied with every stage of the development of the modein library since that inception

When great libraries are built in any part of the world, Snead and Company is usually called into consultation A recent example of this is the

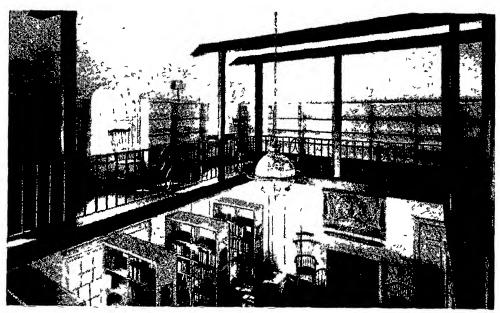
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re-organization and rebuilding of the Vatican Library at Rome

The conclusion must not be drawn, however, that Snead and Company is interested solely in large library projects. On the contrary, the modest public library, the legal library, the private collection, or the school, church or club library, as well as the large university or city library, can all be suitably and economically housed with Snead equipment. Whether you wish to secure Snead equipment to be installed by local workmen, or whether

you desire Snead and Company to take full responsibility for everything in the stack room, you may be assured of the fullest co-operation and service, at every stage from the plans to the finished library

On the following pages we outline the fundamentals which it is necessary to understand before planning a library, and describe in some detail certain standards of equipment which we have established in order that every library may enjoy the price advantages of quantity production



An example of a small Snead installation showing Snead Standard Stacks, Type B, in Public Library, Teaneck, N J

# STANDARDIZATION OF BOOKSTACK TYPES

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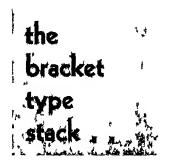
EALIZING the saving in expense and the prompt shipment possible if certain standards can be adhered to in the selection of library equipment, we have

worked out a group of types and sizes, all more or less adjustable, which should be of real help in planning a library. These standards were selected after a careful survey of the kind of equipment most frequently used by libraries, and are based on our knowledge of the problems encountered in library design. Aside from an appreciable saving in expense, uniformity based on standards such as these allows for interchanging and expansion of the stack capacity by units.

The bookstacks which we describe in detail in this booklet, fall into two types Bracket and Standard The Bracket types are less expensive in first price and transportation costs and are more easily erected by local workmen The Standard types are often preferred for their architectural merit, compactness, convenience, nigidity, completeness in detail and superiority of finish. The Standard stack illustrated in Figure 2 is the most durable and beautiful bookstack made, excellent from every point of view.

The Bracket type stack is itself divided into two classes top-braced and free-standing (see fig-

ures 3 and 4) The latter is slightly more expensive due to its heavy fourinch fixed base Such freestanding stacks may be screwed to the floor or simply set up without any attachment, their weight and design keeping them



firm and rigid Single-faced Bracket stacks are usually fastened to the wall with expansion bolts



Fig 1 Free-standing Bracket Stack with covered ends, New York County Lawyers Association, New York City

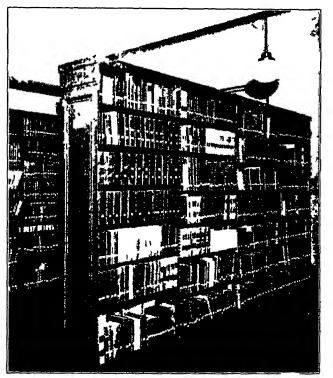


Fig 2 Snead Standard Stack, Type B, with solid panel design end uprights, showing easy adjustability of Snead open bar shelves



All of these Bracket type stacks are delivered completely finished with baked-on enamel They are light, compact and easily assembled

If the Bracket stack is selected and it is thought desirable to make it more attractive in appearance, steel ends (see figure 1) may be added

There are certain dimensions which have proved most satisfactory and which we therefore strongly The most desirable shelf length is recommend We advise dividing available space in multiples as close as possible to these figures Shelves are made 8", 10" and 12" deep, for books, and 18", and occasionally 22" deep, for newspapers The best Bracket stack height for single tier installations is 7'3" over-all, which allows for 7 rows of books shelves or about 12 rows of newspaper shelves—all of which are adjustable every inch in the top-braced type, while the base shelf is stationary and the rest adjustable in the freestanding type Of course, stacks may be higher, if so desired, but if possible one should avoid the necessity of using a step ladder. If the stacks are to be higher, and if 14 to 15 feet of clear height is available, a multi-tier design is the most satisfactory solution Multi-tier work is taken up

in more detail on page 11 of this book

The Snead Standard stack with cast iron shelf supports, which is a direct descendant of the Li-

brary of Congress stack, has a satisfying architectural character and is extremely substantial and attractive from every point of view The facts that it can be given any finish and color, and that special designs may be



embodied in the end panels, allow it to be treated as an integral and contributing part of the interior design of the building

The same considerations concerning shelf lengths apply to the Standard as to the Bracket stack. The shelves come 8", 10" and 12" deep and may be either the plain solid steel plate or the special Snead Open Bar shelves. In either case they are given four-point support in place. The adjustable shelves are completely factory-finished in baked-on ebony black japan, the most durable finish known

All parts except the adjustable shelves are shipped with a prime finish of gray paint and the

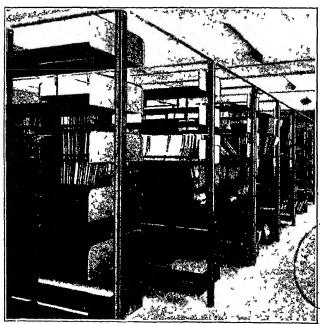


Fig 3 Single tier installation showing Snead top braced bracket stack in the Norwegian Institute of Technology, Trondhjem, Norway

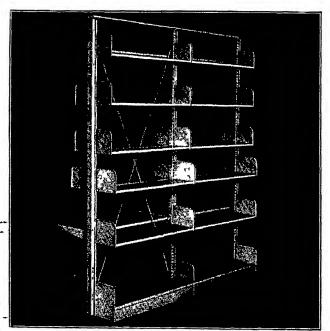


Fig 4 Snead free-standing bracket stack For added attractiveness, steel ends and cover plates may be added Note 8" and 18" newspaper shelves, top and bottom, rear

final color is put on after the stack is in place This has been found preferable to factory enameling because it gives the most satisfactory effect, and may be touched up when necessary, without such repairs being apparent

The Standard stack height for single tier installations has been established at 7'4", though



here, again, variation is possible. This height accommodates six rows of adjustable shelves, and a fixed bottom or base shelf 4" high. At the top a 2" deep cover plate is provided. No overhead bracing of any kind is re-

quired with the Standard stack, though single-faced ranges usually are attached to the walls

Due to standardization and large production, we can offer this finest and most durable stack at prices which make it available to every library

If a single tier Standard stack is required, its erection and finishing may be undertaken by the owners. We furnish complete instructions and local workmen can usually do an entirely satisfactory piece of work at a cost much below what we would

have to charge for sending our own men We are glad to undertake the complete responsibility, however, if it is desired

Bookstacks of the sheet steel type (see figure

6), usually fall about halfway between the Bracket and the other standard type in erected price This stack is made to an over-all height of 7'6", has a 4" high base and 2" deep cover plate There are regularly six



shelves with vertical adjustment at intervals of 5/8"

Regular shelf sizes are 8", 10" and 12" in depth, and a 3'0" shelf length is recommended here, as in other cases. All parts of sheet steel stacks are shipped finished with baked-on enamel and no field finishing is necessary. This type is particularly suitable for low shelving under windows (see figure 12)

The great advantage of having standard widths, heights and lengths in mind when planning a stack room is at once apparent. In addition, a number of other points should be remembered. In the first place, it is always cheaper to install stacks in a plain

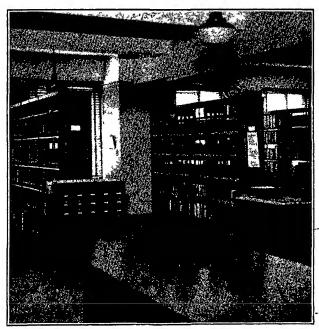


Fig 5 Snead Standard Stack, American Institute of Banking, New York City

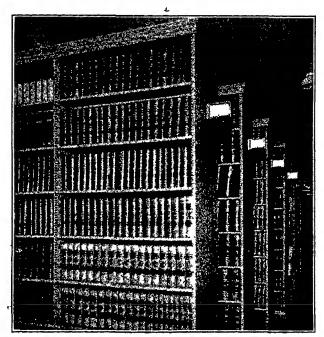


Fig 6 Free-standing steel Standard Stacks, Essex County Law Library, Newark, N J

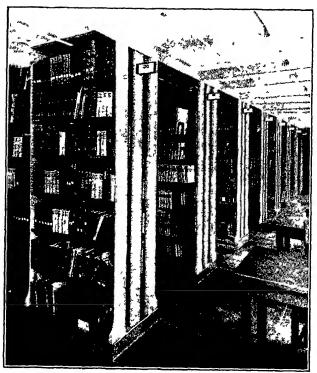


Fig 7 Snead Standard Stack, Type A, Baker Memorial Library, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N H

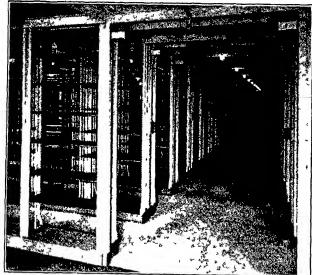


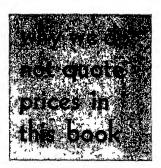
Fig 8 Snead Standard Stack, Type A, Library of Congress, Washington, D C

Fig 9 (Right) Bracket stack with covered ends, Public Library, Somerville, N J

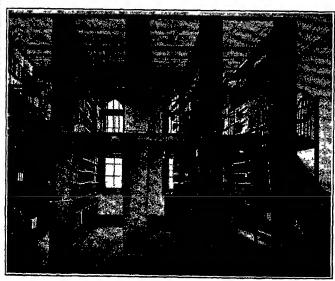
square or rectangular space Wall irregularities, pipes, baseboards, moulding and such protrusions should be completely eliminated or reduced to a minimum. This is likewise true of wainscoting, chair rails and plaster ornamentation, all of which may increase the special work necessary. If possible, have wall piers built to project outward rather than into the stack rooms

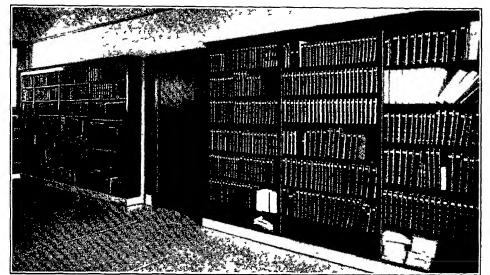
In the past we have learned that it is not satis-

factory, either to the owners or to ourselves, to quote prices until we have some data on the particular problem. Since every library differs from others in many details, any figures given would be so widely approximate



as to be valueless We suggest rather that you follow one of these plans either (a) fill in the specification blank enclosed with this book, or (b) write us a letter covering your proposed plans, or (c) draw up a rough pencil sketch showing your ideas, or (d) ask us to send a representative to you We will be able to furnish a rough estimate based on this preliminary data, which can later be followed by a complete and detailed bid, if you request us to proceed





O not hesitate to consult with us at any time. You may be sure you will receive our fullest cooperation, and the advantage of our forty years of experience, without any obligation to yourself

Fig 10 Snead sheet steel wall cases, Widener Memorial Library, Harvard University

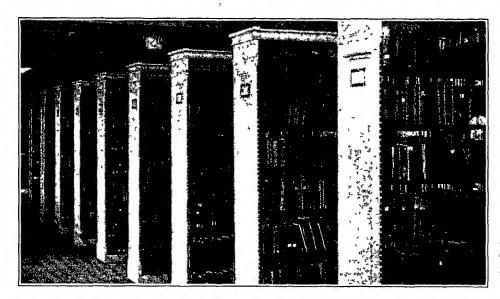


Fig 11 Snead Standard Type B Stack in the Reading Room, second floor, Legler Branch, Chicago Public Library

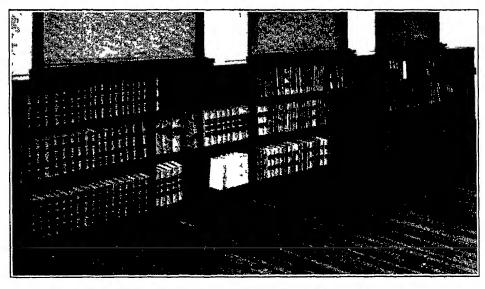
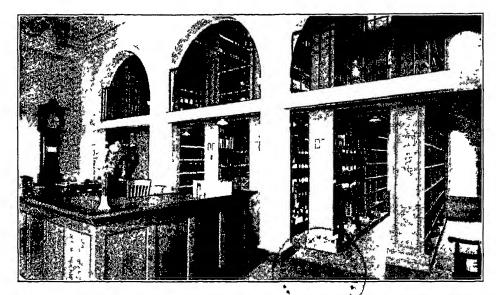


Fig. 12 Snead sheet steel low cases located under windows, Tulane University, New Orleans, La



ALL three illustrations on this page show the attractiveness of balcony effects, possible only with multi-tier construction

Fig 13 Snead Standard Type B Stacks, multi-tier construction, with paneled ends, Port Chester Public Library, Port Chester, N Y



Fig 14 Snead Standard Stack, Type A, multi-tier construction, Minneapolis Public Library

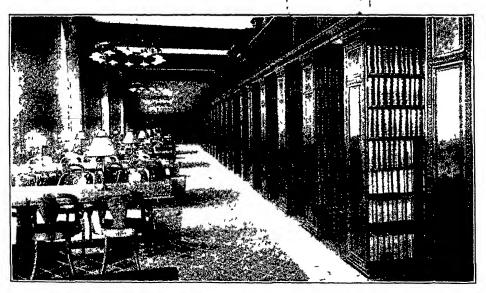


Fig 15 Snead Standard Stack, Type B, multi-tier construction, with ornamental end panels, New York Public Library, Patents Room, New York City

of Congress, the capacity of libraries was usually increased either by adding to the shelving vertically or by the use of balconies, or both Recent years have brought more and more attention, however, to the multitier construction in which ranges are built one upon another so that the bookstacks themselves become an integral part of the building, serving not only to house adequately large numbers of books but also to carry the deck floors and help support the roof and brace the walls This idea is so distinctly revolutionary, and has such far-reaching applications, that it is receiving much attention from

Either the Bracket or Standard type stack is suitable for multi-tier construction, though the latter, due to its architectural character, adds more

modern library architects

to the interior beauty of the building Because of the elaborate nature of multi-tier work, our usual practice is to contract with the owners for the complete construction, with the bookstacks finished, painted and in place

Our experts have given special consideration to the question of interior finish and deck flooring in multi-tier work While space here does not permit us to go into this subject, we shall be glad to advise you at any time

Our facilities are flexible enough so that we can take charge, under one contract, of everything necessary to equip fully both the stack and the service rooms of the modern library—including lighting, heating, ventilating, air conditioning, deck flooring, book conveying facilities, and all the accessories of the efficient stack room

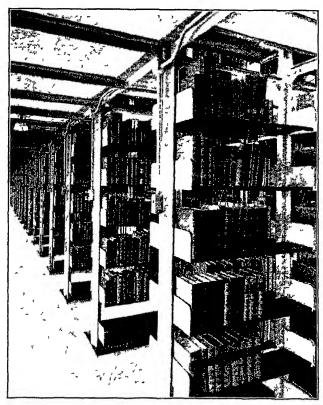


Fig 16 One tier of a multi-tier bracket stack, in the San Francisco Public Library

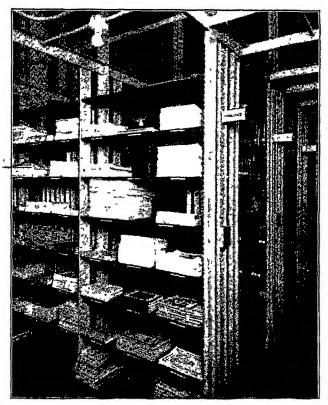


Fig 17 Multi-tier standard stack, Type A, Albert Emanuel Library, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, showing stripped upper tier to be equipped later

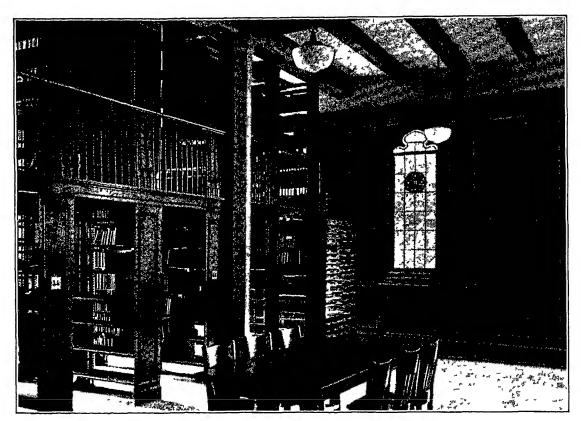


Fig 18 Snead Standard Type B Stack showing the attractiveness of end panels to harmonize with the architectural motif in the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois

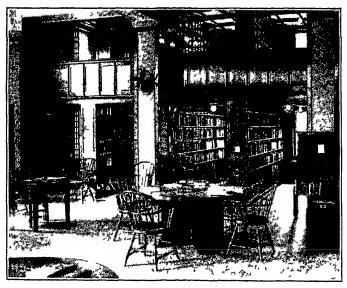


Fig 19 Snead Standard Type B Stacks in the Mt Pleasant Branch Library, Washington, D C, showing wooden trim carried over the face of the range



THE fact that we have set certain standards, outlined in the previous pages, should not be taken to imply that Snead and Company is not prepared to supply any type of bookstack equipment, no matter how much it may vary from standard dimensions. These standards have been set up only to facilitate planning and to lessen costs to the owners

There are, however, a great many cases where especially designed work is the best solution. One such case is the intimate private library or special collection, where the standard types of bookstacks may not seem particularly suitable or appropriate, or where requirements may be unusual

A second case where special design work is obviously called for is in equipping a stack room which does not divide up economically according to standard dimensions. In such

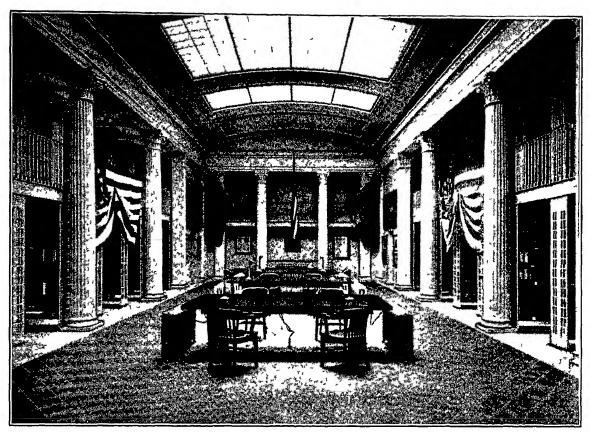


Fig 20 Two-tier Snead Standard Type B Stacks, Colonial design, in the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland



circumstances it is far better to pay the additional cost of especially fabricated equipment rather than to waste space. It should be borne in mind that the additional cost of special design work is far greater, proportionately, in the small installation than the large one. Because the chief source of extra charges lies in preparation rather than manufacturing costs, the added expense is easily absorbed in the erection of a large library.

If you are in doubt concerning the advisability of special design work, or if you wish to know whether the variations from standard dimensions required in your case will necessitate special work, do not hesitate to write Snead and Company for advice. It may be that we will be able to suggest an arrangement of standard units which will suit your purpose and thus avoid the expense of special work.

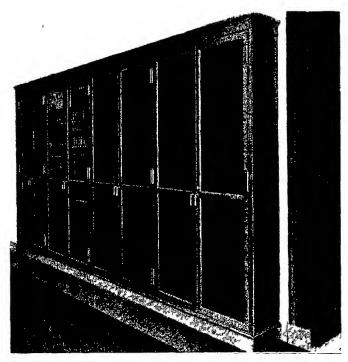


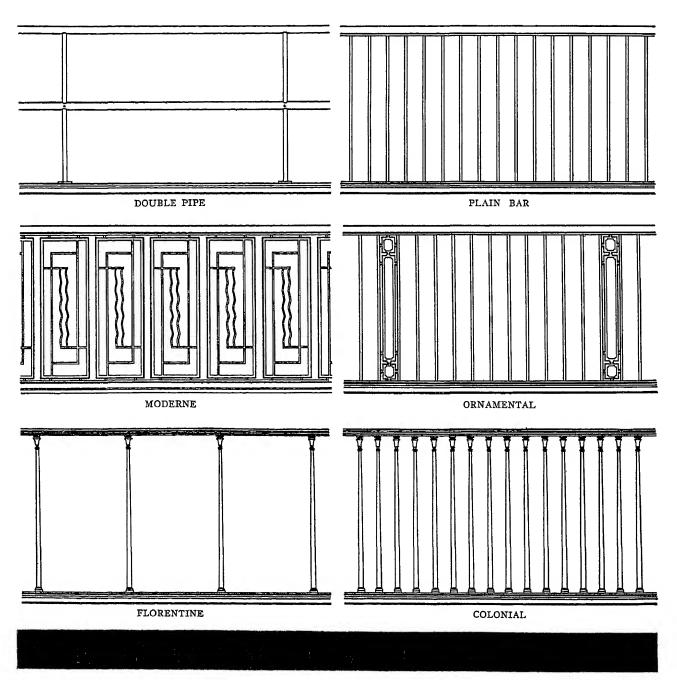
Fig 21 Snead sheet steel cases with glass doors, Widener Memorial Library, Harward University



We have standardized our bookstack railings in several attractive designs, shown on this page. The plain bar railing consists of square steel bars, 1/2 inch in section, spaced 4" apart and set into small channel frames at top and bottom. The top channel also carries a hand-rail. This plain type has been somewhat varied by modifications in the spacing and grouping of the bars as shown. More elaborate 1 ailings can be made especially, but the

modern tendency is towards simplicity

In line with this trend, the inexpensive pipe railing is now widely used. Since the majority of stack rails are used on stairs and as guards at windows, the sanitary, easily-cleaned pipe design is entirely suitable. Where the stack decks run across arched door openings or in other exposed places, the bar railing is usually preferred unless strict economy must take precedence over other considerations.



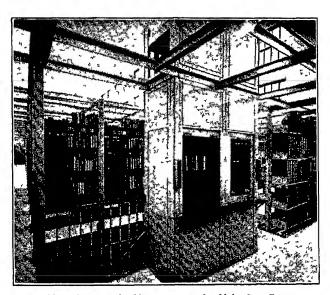


Fig 22 Showing double automatic booklift, San Francisco Public Library, completely enclosed with sliding doors, and prepared for vertical extension

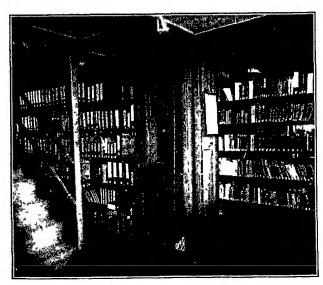


Fig 23 Hand power booklift installed in a stack compartment, Dairen Public Library, Manchuria The most economical type of booklift



N A multi-tier stack that is too small to require an automatic book distributor or electric elevator, a small hand-power booklift is usually found necessary. The

type and size are naturally determined by the use to which it will be put. A car measuring about 16 by 20 by 30 inches, inside, with one intermediate hinged shelf, operated by a hand rope and with an automatic brake, will usually solve the problem adequately. Smaller outfits are made, the simplest being a pair of balanced trays, or even one tray counterweighted, but these are only intended to carry two or three volumes at a time

The more generally used dumb-waiter type requires a continuous enclosure of steel plate or wire mesh with attendant framing and accessories, the simple machinery being housed at the top of the shaft. One of the most popular methods of enclosing a lift is to build it right into a stack compartment at the end of a range near the center of the stack room, and this is usually the least expensive arrangement. An opening is put in the shaft at each stack level about three feet above the floor, with a ledge shelf for the convenient handling of books. No doors are necessary

For larger requirements an inexpensive electric elevator can be installed, involving very small running expense for power, maintenance and repairs A shaft 4'9" by 5'3" will accommodate a car 3'4" by 4'4", inside dimensions, sufficient for a book truck and an attendant Doors should be provided at each stack and floor level An automatic push button control elevator is safe and easy to operate



S ARTIFICIAL light must be relied upon in a majority of cases, especially in multi-tier work, arrangements for lighting the bookstacks are a very important consideration in making library plans. If selected with care, lighting can be convenient, durable, efficient and attractive, without undue expense

In one-tier work a great amount of natural light can usually be counted on and the proper spacing of a sufficient number of regular ceiling reflectors is all that need be planned. But if the ceiling is high or an irregular stack layout prevents proper diffusion, separate lamps for the stacks must be installed. In this case the work is similar to that used in multi-tier installations.

The principle upon which the Snead stack aisle light reflector was designed is based on control of light by means of a perforated reflecting surface, the amount of light passing through being regulated by the size and position of the perforations, and the rest being reflected by a white vitreous enamel inside surface to distant books A light-baffle along the axis of the aisle protects the eyes from glare and has the effect of softening the illumination It has been found that when the reflectors are spaced 6 to 7½ feet apart, the rays from one overlap those from the adjacent ones and the shadow of the baffle does not strike the books Reflector and receptacle are worked out together so as to obtain the maximum amount of headroom. Steel was selected as the material on account of its durability, and the shape was developed to direct the light rays properly, and at the same time to prevent loss of efficiency through accumulation of dust

Over 4000 reflectors have been installed in the new Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University—the greatest single bookstack lighting installation in the world Installations have also been made at the Engineering Foundation Library (New York), Cornell, University of Rochester, University of

Lyons (France), and International Institute of Private Law (Rome)

The horizontal lighting conduits are usually passed through holes punched in the deck framing, in multi-tier stacks, and rested on the cover plates or top bracing of one-tier installations. This places the lights and reflectors as close as possible to the books and leaves a maximum of headroom

The lights are best controlled from switches on the range ends A less expensive method is to have a hanging switch at each aisle or pull chains for every light In any case, it is advisable to have a master switch at the delivery desk

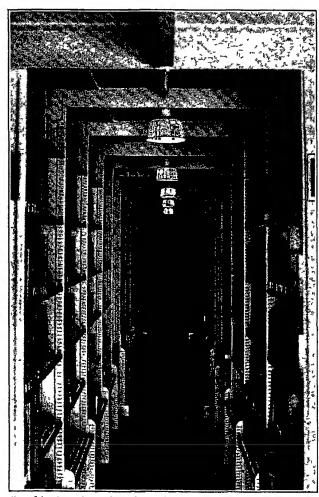
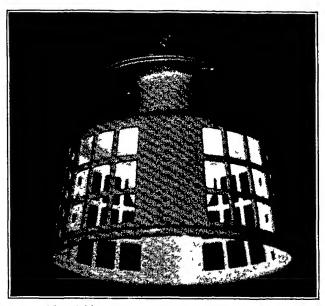
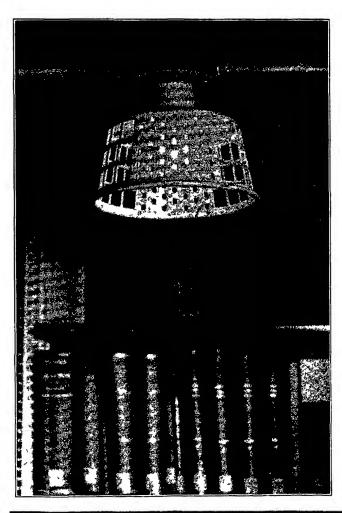


Fig 24 Snead Stack Aisle Light Reflectors, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University, New Haven, Conn, illumination solely from Snead Reflectors showing even distribution of light and absence of glare



Figs 25 and 26 Detailed views of Snead sanitary unbreakable aisle light reflectors, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University, New Haven, Conn





OR many years past there has been a crying need for a light reflector that adequately met stack room requirements

Feeling some responsibility in the mat-

ter, Snead and Company undertook the solution of the problem and after lengthy experimentation and tests of over thirty different existing types Snead and Company finally arrived at a solution of the problem of an adequate stack reflector that has been hailed with delight by the librarians who have seen it

The Snead reflector is, we believe, quite unique in durability and efficiency. It is sanitary, inexpensive and entirely satisfactory in distributing light to the allotted stack space. It protects the eyes from glare, is easy to clean, will not break if dropped accidentally, and has a minimum number of parts. The installation is simple, and bulbs may be readily replaced when necessary. The whole reflector is finished with two coats of baked-on white vitreous enamel, a durable finish which cannot be penetrated by dirt or grit and which has an extremely high reflecting value.

We shall be glad to send your library a Snead reflector so that you may try it out in actual, daily use.



E STRONGLY recommend the use of Snead accessories with Snead bookstacks to insure really satisfactory service Naturally, all Snead accessories are guaranteed, just as the bookstacks themselves are Each one is carefully constructed from the best materials and will last as long as the bookstack

Edges and surface finish in every case are perfectly smooth, so that contact with books and shelf surfaces causes no damage, no tearing of bindings or leaves, no scratching or chipping Simplicity renders them easy to attach and use

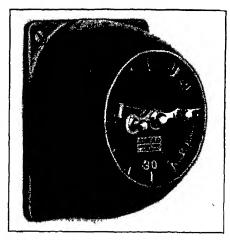


Fig 27 SNEAD TIME SWITCH—Made of cast iron with clock-like face having five minute graduations from 0 to 60 By turning the handle on the face to the right the switch can be set to turn off the lights automatically in as many minutes as may be desired, or by turning it back to the left the lights can be turned off immediately. An adjustable stop on the shaft of the handle can be set to reduce the time limit. The whole is held in place on the range end by tap screws.

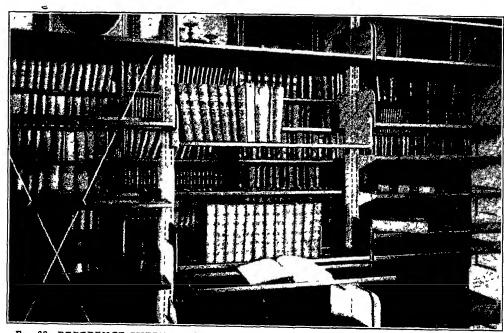


Fig 28 REFERENCE SHELF—A sliding shelf attached to the under side of the adjustable shelf and contained in the stack compartment when not in use

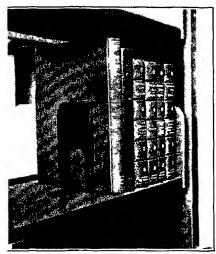


Fig 29 BOOK SUPPORT FOR SOLID PLATE SHELF—The support is held in position by the weight of the end books which rest on a flat tongue extending horizontally along the shelf. The flanged vertical edges prevent books "straddling" the support, thus damaging their leaves Sturdily constructed from No 16 gauge sheet steel finished in hard, durable black rubber japan Heights 6" and 10"

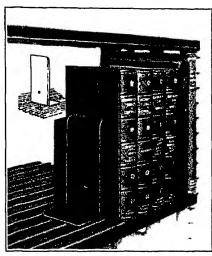


Fig 30 BOOK SUPPORT FOR OPEN BAR SHELF—Constructed of No 16 gauge sheet steel and finished in baked black rubber japan A downward projecting 1 shaped key fits between the shelf bars, forming a lock when books press against the top of the support The support is easily adjusted with one hand when grasped at the base Heights 6" and 10"

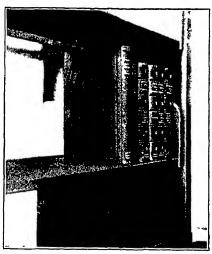


Fig 31 WIRE BOOK SUPPORT—This support, fabricated of heavy spring wire, engages the side flanges of the shelf above, and extends downward, supporting the books below For use with solid plate shelves only

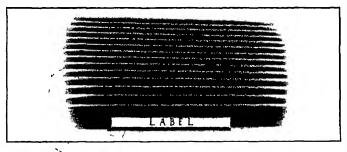


Fig 32 SHELFLABEL HOLDER—Made of cold rolled steel and finished in baked black rubber japan to harmonise with the shelves Readily adjustable by clipping over the front edge of an Open Bar or solid plate shelf When attached, the label holder cannot be dislodged while moving books

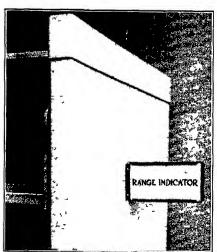


Fig 33 RANGE INDICATORS—Made of plate steel finished in black japan, top and bottom of both sides being flanged to receive cards Card opening 25%" x 534"

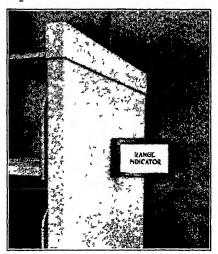


Fig 34 RANGE INDICATOR WITH CARD FRAMES—Solid bronze card frames attached to a V-shaped enameled plate steel frame, and arranged to receive 234" x 434" cards

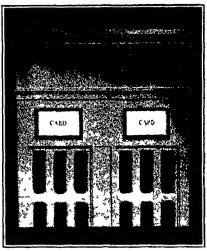


Fig 35 CARD FRAME—Made of polished bronze and attached to the range end by two inconspicuous tap screws Furnished with either 234" x 434" or 134" x 236" card opening A bronzed cast iron Card Frame is also furnished in the larger

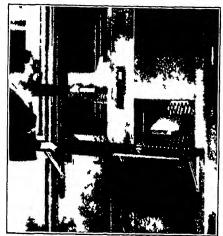


Fig 36 Showing sending and automatic delivery operations at a stack room station, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill N C



Fig 37 Return of books from delivery desk to stack room station Toronto Public Reference Library, Toronto, Ontario



Fig 38 Automatic delivery of books returned to an open shelf room, Toronto Public Reference Library, Toronto, Ontario

# ROOK CONVEYORS OR DESTRIBUTORS A

HE Snead Book Conveyor or Distributor was recently perfected after three years of extensive research, experimentation and the actual trial of numerous models in our factory. It is designed to take books from any ack level to the delivery desk where they are automatically

stack level to the delivery desk where they are automatically discharged, and to take books from the delivery desk, discharging them at any stack level The distributor will run either horizontally or vertically as long as it is kept in one plane, and under certain conditions it can be made to operate in more than one plane

Such a conveying system for books makes it possible to store the majority of books in a large library in stack rooms quite remote from the delivery desk. This allows for the convenient handling of large numbers of books and an extensive stack room, and also permits the most advantageous location of public rooms in the central part of the library

In designing this conveyor we had three problems especially in mind—all of which are taken care of by the Snead distributor First, it is simple to operate and absolutely safe even in inexpert hands. Second, it is quiet and smooth-running. Third, it requires no care except occasional lubrication and inspection. Parts will need replacement only at long intervals, and such parts are all standard, so that they may be readily renewed.

In principle, the Snead distributor consists of an endless single chain conveyor (double chains are unsatisfactory because they wear unevenly), which actuates a number of comb bottom book carriers, held constantly in vertical position. The chain is driven by an electric motor controlled with stop and start buttons. These buttons are preferably located at the delivery desk with supplementary buttons for emergency use at the stack decks.

The usual operating speed is sixty-five feet a minute, though this is not arbitrary. The book carriers are made of polished aluminum, smoothed and rounded to prevent any harm to books in handling. All moving parts are guarded and safety devices provided to prevent possible accidents from carelessness. The keynote of the whole Snead conveyor design is simplicity and a minimum of maintenance attention.

The distributor is preferably supplemented by a pneumatic tube system which is used to send call slips from the delivery desk to the various stack room stations. However, if proper containers are provided, the conveyor itself can be used for this purpose, with some loss in the rapidity of service. In any case, the conveyor saves a large amount of time and "foot-work" and eliminates pushing loaded book trucks



So MANY libraries find it essential to provide special study compartments near the bookstacks that we have devised a method of partition construction so flexible as to meet every requirement Snead Partitions are made in easily assembled units of any desired height, with or without glass, and

finished in enamel to suit any color scheme. The completed partition is rigid, incombustible and permanent but readily disassembled for alteration. Low cases placed on the aisle side of the carrel will give the reader semi-privacy. If desired, the partition can carry shelves and desk, as in figure 41



Fig 39 Individual study compartments, Widener Memorial Library, Harward University



Fig 40 Study carrels and special low cases, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

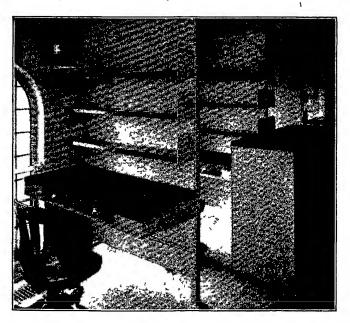


Fig 41 Study carrels showing movable desk and adjustable shelves Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University, New Haven, Conn

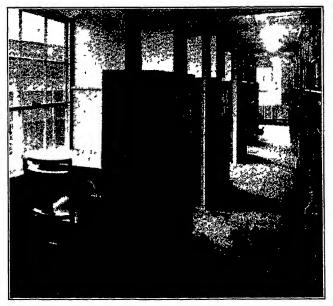


Fig 42 Study carrels in Snead Standard Stack, Baker Memorial Library, Dartmouth College Separated by steel and glass partitions and protected by open cases.

N LARGE public or university libraries, occasions frequently arise where compactness of storage is a prime essential for meeting certain library problems

To meet this need, Snead and Company has developed a system of roller cases by the use of which about 50 per cent more books can be stored in a given space than is possible by the ordinary fixed shelving system

Simply stated, toller cases are metal stack units mounted on wide tread fibre rollers. When books from these stacks are not needed the cases stand in a solid bank side by side (See figure 44). When a book is called for, a single case is pulled straight

out into the main aisle by a handle (See figures 43 and 44).

Snead roller cases differ from any others in that they require neither floor tracks nor overhead support or guidance, thus utilizing the maximum room height for the storage of books Overhead tracks are expensive and floor tracks form obstructions, collect dirt, and are particularly objectionable in the aisles, as well as adding to installation costs. Snead roller cases, requiring neither, may be used in any empty room whose floor is haid enough to permit them to roll readily. Carefully finished concrete or smooth, hard tile make excellent floors for this purpose. The main aisles are, of course, made wide enough to accommodate the pulled-out case. Locking arrangements can be provided to secure a whole bank of roller cases, or locks can be installed on each case. Roller cases equipped with wide ends, installed side by side and extending from the floor to the ceiling, effectively protect.

their contents from dust and fire At the same time the books are as accessible as letters in a file cabinet

The cases themselves can be provided with either standard or bracket type shelf sup ports, as described in detail in another section of this book

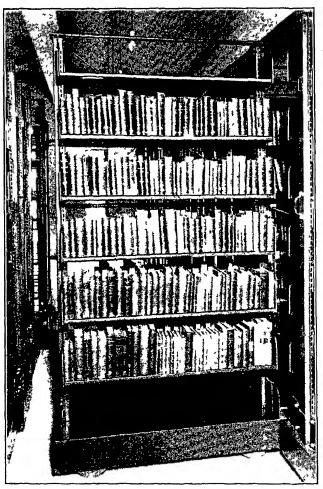


Fig 43 Roller Cases, Toronto Public Reference Library, one pulled out full length

# ROLLER CASES

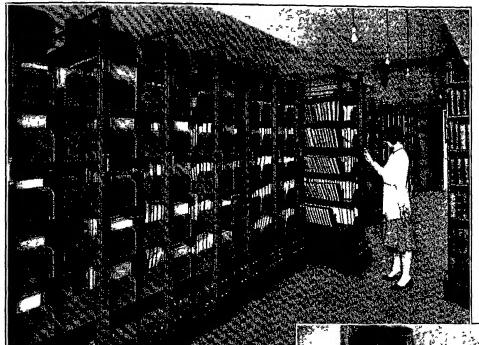
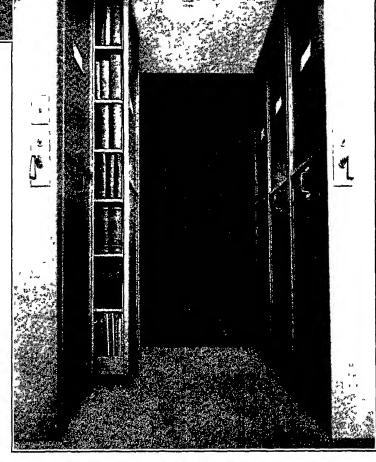


Fig 44 Bank of Roller Cases, Bracket Type, Toronto Public Reference Library, provided for books seldom called for, fifty per cent more volumes stored than in same space in stack room

Fig 45 Roller Cases showing (1) handles (extreme right and left) which lock entire bank, (2) protection against dust and fire in closed position, (3) overhead light sunk flush into ceiling, avoiding loss of overhead space, (4) absence of floor and overhead tracks and guides—can be installed on any hard, level floor



# STANDARD DIMENSIONS FOR MULTI-TIER INSTALLATIONS

HEIGHT-7 feet and 7 feet 6 inches, measuring from top surface of deck floor to top surface of next deck floor

Aisles-Main, 3 feet to 5 feet or more Range, 2 feet 6 inches to 3 feet or slightly more

RANGES—Lengths, as required, preferably not over 30 feet, in even multiples of shelf length Depths, single faced 8½" to 12½" for books, 18¾" and 22¾" for newspapers, double faced 16½" to 24¾" for books, 37" and 44¾" for newspapers

SHELVES—Lengths, as required, generally 3 feet, not to exceed 3 feet 6 inches, depths, 8", 9", 10" and 12" for books, 18" and 22" for newspapers

STAIRS-Straight runs, well length, 8 to 9 feet, 12 risers, width,

2 feet 6 inches or more Return runs, well length, 6 feet 8 inches, 12 risers, width, 5 feet or more

DECK FLOOR—Rough plate glass slabs, heavily sanded one side 34" thick Rough plate wire glass slabs, heavily sanded one side, 5%" thick Marble, fine sand rubbed on all exposed surfaces, 1½" thick Ribbon black slate, 1½" thick Stone substitutes are generally 1½" thick Reinforced concrete slabs, 2½" or 3" thick without plaster or floor covering Floor covering, Asphaltum tile, Rubbertile, cork, linoleum, etc Total thickness of deck floor, for ordinary span, from top of slabs to bottom of supporting steel framing 3½" glass, 4½", 5½" glass, 4", 1½" marble, slate or stone, 45%" Concrete, 2½" to 3"

# Width and Capacity of Shelves

No definite rules can be laid down regarding the width of shelves required as much depends on the method of classification, space available and use to which the library is put. Where economy and compactness of storage are important, 8 inch shelving is recommended for bookstacks in general. Most books are 6 inches or less in depth and it is well to bear in mind that waste space back of books collects dirt and is objectionable while the same space added to the width of the aisles becomes valuable

The number of volumes that can be stored per lineal foot of shelving depends on the character of the books. The following table has been prepared by averaging the data collected from various general and special libraries, for convenience in computing the amount of stack necessary, the capacity being based on stacks 7½ feet high with seven rows of shelves, six adjustable and one fixed, in the height

Kind of books	Vols per ft of shelf	Vols per linl ft of single- faced range		m	ecom ended odth of helves
Circulating	10	70	210	8	ınches
Fiction	9	63	189	8	"
Economics	9	63	189	8	"
General Literature	8	56	168	8	"
Reference	8	56	168	8-3	10 "
History	8	56	168	8	"
Technical and					
Scientific	7	49	147	8-1	LO "
Medical	61/2	451/2	136½	10	"
Law	41/2	381/2	1151/2	8	"
Public documents	6	42	126	8	"
Bound periodicals	51/2	381/2	1151/2	10	"
U S Patent Specific tions 2 (144 vols)					
per year		14		8	"

For Double-faced ranges multiply number of volumes listed above by two

# Unit Stack Weights

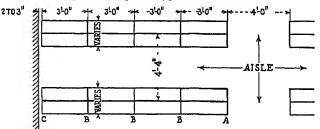
Books-25 lbs per cubic foot of ranges

STACK CONSTRUCTION-8 lbs per cubic foot of ranges

STEEL FLOOR FRAMING-4 lbs per square foot of gross deck area

DECK FLOORING—2½" reinforced concrete slab, 32 lbs per sq ft gross area 3" reinforced concrete slab, 38 lbs per sq ft, gross area 1f plastered and with floor covering add 8 lbs per sq ft, gross area 1½" marble or slate, 18 lbs per sq ft, aisle area ¾" rough plate glass, 11 lbs per sq ft, aisle area ½" rough wire glass, 10 lbs per sq ft, aisle area

LIVE LOADS—100 lbs per sq ft of aisle area to avoid vibration For column loads assume 40 lbs per sq ft of aisle area for live load and reduce this figure 5% for each deck below the top deck Plan showing an example of typical stack construction



# Stack Loads

The following table illustrates the general variation of stack loads for from one to twelve tiers of stack construction

Loading as per table of unit stack weights

A=Typical aisle end support
B=Typical intermediate support

C=Typical wall end support

		8" SHELVING	
	Including stacks, b	ooks, live load and heaviest deck floor	
Tiers	Α	В	С
1	495	990	495
2	2,130	2,860	1,470
3	3,730	4,710	2,430
4	5,310	6,550	3,400
5	6,870	8,370	4,340
6	8,400	10,170	5,280
7	9,910	11,950	6,210
8	11,400	13,720	7,140
9	12,870	15,490	8,060
10	14,320	17,230	8,970
11	15,760	18,970	9,880
12	17,170	20,690	10,790

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		SHELVING	
	Including stacks, books,	live load and heaviest deck	floor
Tiers	A	В	С
1	620	1,240	620
2	2,360	3,320	1,700
3	4,070	5,380	2,770
4	5,760	7,430	3,840
5	7,420	9,470	4,890
6	9,060	11,490	5,940
7	10,680	13,500	6,990
8	12,290	15,500	8,030
9	13,870	17,480	9,060
10	15,430	19,450	10,080
11	16,980	21,410	11,100
12	18,510	23,360	12,120

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Dept, St Louis, Mo
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# The Small Library

IT HAS sometimes erroneously been thought that Snead and Company was not interested in the small library Quite the contrary is true, and we especially desire to be consulted in the planning of the less pretentious public or private library, or the housing of books for schools, clubs and churches The results of our forty years of experience in equipping every type of library are, of course, available to anyone who has a library-planning problem to meet

The small library more than the large, perhaps, can be greatly benefited by the use of standard equipment in regular stock sizes, as outlined in another section of this book By the use of standard stacks and other supplies, the small library can secure the finest type of metal library appointments, promptly delivered and well serviced, without undue expense

If multi-tier construction is to be used in a small library, it will probably be limited to 3 or 4 tiers at the most With careful planning this type of building can be interesting and beautiful, and have real character and distinction (see figures 13, 14 and 15)

Practically all of the principles laid out in this book apply, in some degree, to the small library As in other cases, we will either provide the necessary equipment with complete instructions for its erection by local workmen, or we will undertake the responsibility for the whole installation, complete and ready for books to be put on the shelves If the library is a simple one-tier type we recommend the employment of local workmen as entirely satisfactory and less expensive On more elaborate installations the use of our experienced men is desirable

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